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Applicant: Macoviak et al

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES AND
AMENDMENT A**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment responds to the Office Action (requiring an Election of Species) mailed January 30, 2006, for which a shortened one month period of response was set.

An automatic five month extension of time, up to and including July 30, 2006 (which falls on a Sunday), is respectfully requested. The requisite fee accompanies this Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows:

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